

MICHIGAN COMMISSION ON SERVICES TO THE AGING MEETING

Office of Services to the Aging
300 E. Michigan Avenue, 3rd Floor; Lansing, MI
March 20, 2015 @9:00 AM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Harold Mast called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Harold Mast, Matthew Adeyanju, Douglas Chalgian, Joan Ilardo, Gerald Irby, Donna Murray-Brown, Donald Newport, Richard Ortega, Michael Sheehan, and Kristie Zamora, with Renee Reid-Smith joining by phone.

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT (excused)

Michael Burri, Sibyl Ellis, Patricia Rencher and Jeffery Schade.

OFFICE OF SERVICES TO THE AGING (OSA) STAFF PRESENT

Kari Sederburg, Leslie Shanlian, Cindy Albrecht, Steve Betterly, Eric Berke, Emma Buycks, Amy Colletti, Dan Doezeema, Carol Dye, Gloria Lanum, Phil Lewis, Hema Malavia, Laura McMurtry, Wendi Middleton, Becky Payne, Sarah Slocum, Sally Steiner, Lauren Swanson-Aprill, Julia Thomas and Dawne Velianoff.

VISITORS/GUESTS PRESENT

Lindsay Brieschke, Alzheimer's Association Michigan Chapter, Melissa Seifert, AARP, Ann Langford, AAA 1-B, John Murphy, SAC Member and Heidi Powers, of SVP in Crawford and Roscommon Counties.

ADVOCACY TRAINING AND DISCUSSION

Commissioner Mast stated as the meetings move forward, agenda items should be thought about to develop an advocacy platform for topics of discussion.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Mast asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Ms. Dye noted corrections to the agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Irby to approve the amended agenda. Commissioner Adeyanju seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES

Commissioner Sheehan asked for a motion to approve the February 20, 2015 minutes.

Ms. Dye noted a correction to the minutes. Commissioner Adeyanju made a motion to approve the amended minutes. Commissioner Sheehan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

INFORMATION FROM INDIVIDUALS OR DELEGATIONS

None.

COMMISSION CHAIR REPORT

Commissioner Mast asked Commissioner Irby for a report on the Gatekeeper Program.

Commissioner Irby reported that he has gained 100 percent support and agreement from the Marquette Board of Light and Power utility company's board members to join the Gatekeeper Program.

BUSINESS ITEMS (Part 1)

A motion was made by Commissioner Irby to accept the Marquette Board of Light and Power in the Upper Peninsula, as a participant in the Gatekeeper Program, and to send a welcome letter from the Commission, as presented. Commissioner Murray-Brown seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

OSA Director Report

Director Sederburg stated she presented OSA's budget to the House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees, and none of the funding appeared to be at risk.

Director Sederburg provided handouts and information on an Executive Order that creates the new Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), which will merge the Departments of Human Services and Community Health. Effective April 10, 2015, the transition will begin to restructure and realign programs by Fiscal Year 16. The Office of Services to the Aging and Governor appointed director position will be abolished and change from a Type 1 autonomous agency that reports to the Governor, to a Type 2 agency that will report to the new DHHS's Deputy Director. OSA will be rolled into the new Adult and Aging Services Agency leaving current programs intact, and include policy setting for several other programs.

Discussion ensued and Commissioner Mast asked Director Sederburg to reach out to DCH Director Nick Lyon to schedule a meeting for him to discuss further, and to follow up with a letter to the Governor.

BUSINESS ITEMS (Part 2)

Commissioner Irby made a motion to schedule a meeting with DCH Director Nick Lyon for further discussion, with a letter to the Governor to follow, as presented. Commissioner Sheehan seconded the motion. This motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

Director Sederburg stated the State Advisory Council on Aging would like four volunteers to review SAC applications, as well as four volunteers to review the SAC Bylaws.

Commissioners Ortega, Reid-Smith, Sheehan and Zamora volunteered to review the SAC applications.

Commissioners Adeyanju, Irby, Sheehan and Zamora volunteered to review the SAC Bylaws.

Director Sederburg stated this year's Senior Citizens of the Year event is schedule to take place on June 2nd on the Capitol Lawn during Older Michiganian's Day, and she asked for a volunteer Commissioner to review the nominations.

Commissioner Ilardo volunteered to review the Senior Citizen of the Year nominations.

Commissioner Ilardo requested a table for the Commissioner at this event.

Director Sederburg provided OSA's Annual Report.

Legislative Update

Phil Lewis, OSA's Public Affairs Specialist, and Melissa Seifert of AARP, provided handouts and an overview of Senate Bill 68, which is essentially a rewrite of the Public Health Code, to establish a licensure requirement of advance practice registered nurses, and on the CARE Act. Mr. Lewis also provided information on the road funding proposal.

Financial Update

Eric Berke, OSA staff, provided updates and overviews on OSA's federal and state budget activities, the grants process, and noted there were no issues with the FY 14 audits.

Commissioner Sheehan provided an update on the SAC meeting from the day before, noting they are moving forward with the charge of Direct Care Workers. They established four workgroups, and a fifth to suggest legislation, which will come towards the end of the process.

BUSINESS ITEMS (Part 3)

Proposed Service Definition and Statewide Minimum Standards for Creating Confident Caregivers (CCC)

Eric Berke and Sally Steiner, OSA staff, provided an overview on the CCC Service Definition, intended to allow AAAs to continue providing the CCC program.

A motion was made by Commissioner Newport to approve the CCC Service Definition, as presented. Commissioner Ilardo seconded the motion. This motion was approved with a voice vote.

Commissioners Ilardo, Newport and Reid-Smith were appointed to serve on the Master Trainer Certification Panel.

Request for Approval of The Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAAP) Grant

Dawne Velianoff, OSA staff, requested approval of a pending federal grant OSA is expected to receive, which will be given to MMAAP, Inc., who will disburse the funds to the 16 AAA's to provide MMAAP counseling.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ilardo to approve the MMAAP grant, as presented. Commissioner Zamora seconded the motion.

Discussion followed, and this motion was approved with a 10-0-0 vote.

Request for Approval of Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Prevent Elder and Vulnerable Adult Abuse, Exploitation, Neglect Today (PREVNT) – Mini Grants

Dawne Velianoff, OSA staff, stated OSA received \$1 million in State funding to support elder abuse prevention efforts, and awarded more than \$800,000 to three organizations, made available under OSA's PREVNT initiative. A Request for Proposal (RFP) was published for the remaining funds, and OSA awarded eight grantees, based on the review of 22 RFPs, to support ongoing efforts of prevention and detection, while providing training efforts in the areas of elder abuse laws and elder abuse reporting and screening tools.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sheehan to approved FY 2015 PREVNT – mini grants, as presented. Commissioner Newport seconded the motion.

Commissioner Newport requested a breakout of the regions and AAAs the funding went to, and Ms. Velianoff agreed to provide that information at the next CSA meeting.

A correction was made to the name of one of the grantees on the memo, and this motion was approved with a 10-0-0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Mast asked Heidi Powers, Project Director of the Senior Volunteer Program (SVP) of Crawford and Roscommon Counties in Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency, to address the Commission.

Ms. Powers stated they were previously approved to receive State funding for their SVP until they could apply for Federal funds, and they were successful in receiving those funds. She thanked the OSA and CSA for their support, and as a result, recruited 10 additional volunteers for a total of 130 active volunteers. This funding allowed them to continue with the expansion of services to Veterans, Tax Aid Program, Senior Commodity Delivery, and Access to Health Care. With 52 volunteer stations, they've provided services to tutor Head Start students, deliver home delivered meals, hosted and assisted with American Red Cross drives, and did fundraising to support food pantries, to name a few.

The Commission took a break at 11:00 AM and resumed business at 11:10 AM.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Alzheimer's Association Michigan Chapters

Lindsay Brieschke, Director of Public Policy, presented a slide presentation and handouts on Alzheimer's, a disease with no known cure, and sixth leading cause of death in the US. She provided valuable information and resources, and encouraged the Commission to advocate for additional funding to the Legislature to assist with research, and in support of caregivers of those with this disease.

History of Area Agencies on Aging and Funding

Eric Berke, OSA staff, provided some history on the aging network in Michigan from 1974 through the past 40+ years.

Commissioner Mast presented Mr. Berke with a letter of congratulations on behalf of the Commission, to honor and celebrate his 40 year anniversary with OSA.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Mast asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Irby. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ortega. This motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

Commissioner Mast adjourned the meeting at 12:04 PM.